

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

## Mario Holzner



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Sex Male | Date of birth 23/06/1976 | Nationality Austrian

## WORK EXPERIENCE

11/2001–Present

**Deputy Director (since 2013) and Staff Economist**

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)  
Rahlgasse 3, 1060 Vienna (Austria)  
[www.wiiw.ac.at](http://www.wiiw.ac.at)

Economic and political monitoring of countries of Southeast Europe, with a focus on macro-economy, international trade, income distribution, and regional developments. Co-ordinating a research network within the framework of the Global Development Network Southeast Europe. Writing research reports and providing customers with in-depth economic analysis of the countries involved. Webmaster of the Balkan Observatory website and mailing list ([www.balkan-observatory.net](http://www.balkan-observatory.net))

**Business or sector** Economic Research Institute

03/2009–Present

**Lecturer**

University of Vienna, Department of Economics  
Hohenstaufengasse 9, 1010 Vienna (Austria)

Lecturing applied econometrics in the economics bachelor and diploma degree programme.

**Business or sector** Education

04/2000–08/2000

**Project Assistant**

The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)  
Rahlgasse 3, 1060 Vienna (Austria)

**Business or sector** Economic Research Institute

10/2000–09/2001

National Service as a social worker in a refugee centre of Volkshilfe Österreich (Austria)

**Business or sector** Social Institution

08/1998–09/1998

**Research internship**

Raiffeisen Zentralbank (RZB) Research Team for Central and Eastern Europe (Austria)

**Business or sector** Banking

07/1997–08/1997

**Research internship**

Raiffeisen Zentralbank (RZB) Research Team for Central and Eastern Europe (Austria)

**Business or sector** Banking

09/1996–09/1996

**Intern**

The Austrian National Broadcasting (ORF) (Austria)

Business or sector Media

07/1996–07/1996 **Intern**  
Raiffeisen Zentralbank (RZB) Department for Securities Settlement (Austria)

Business or sector Banking

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

10/2016–Present **Ph.D. (History)**  
University of Vienna, Vienna (Austria)

07/2016 **Summer school**  
Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Barcelona (Spain)  
Recent Developments in Forecasting and Forecasting Computer Lab summer school courses

03/2016–05/2016 **Certificate course Finance and Controlling in NPOs**  
NPO-Akademie / Hütter. MC Management Consulting, Vienna (Austria)  
Training in investment and finance, external and internal accounting, controlling as well as tax law for nonprofit organisations

03/2002–11/2005 **Ph.D. (Economics)** Dr. rer. soc. oec.  
Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna (Austria)

10/1994–01/2002 **Master of Arts (Economics)** Mag. rer. soc. oec.  
Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, Vienna (Austria)

01/1998–06/1998 **Socrates/Erasmus student mobility programme**  
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) German, Croatian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

**Communication skills** Ranked as No. 5 most central person in the Twitter-follower-network of economists in German-speaking countries according to the German Economic Institute (IW Köln) in 2018  
At wiw enjoying work in a multicultural environment; elected to the workers' council of the institute in 2004 and 2008.  
Involved in many projects with other research institutes and universities.  
Did social work with refugees and providing housing guidance for immigrants during my National Service in a refugee centre of Volkshilfe Österreich.  
Webmaster of the Balkan Observatory website and mailing list ([www.balkan-observatory.net](http://www.balkan-observatory.net))

**Organisational / managerial skills**

Coordinating a research network within the framework of the World Bank Global Development Network South East Europe.

Coordinating a research network within the framework of the wiiw research project 'Measuring the costs of protection in the Southeast European Countries', financed by the Jubilee Fund of the Austrian National Bank.

**Digital skills**

- Excellent knowledge of the usual office software (esp. Word, Powerpoint and Excel)
- Working with statistical software (STATA)
- Generic IT and internet skills (HTML programming)
- Basic knowledge of the MATLAB programming language
- Basic knowledge of the R programming language
- Basic knowledge of the QGIS geographic information system

**Other skills**

- Yacht master licence for motorised and sailing crafts in coastal waters
- Short range maritime radio operator certificate
- SLR and DSLR photography